

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1-40. (Cancelled)

41. (New) A fabric covering, comprising:

a top;

a flexible protrusion that is rotatably connected to the top between a first position where the flexible protrusion is spaced a first distance from the top and a second position where the flexible protrusion is spaced a second distance from the top, the second distance being greater than the first distance; and

a support structure for preventing rotation of the flexible protrusion in a direction away from the first position to beyond the second position, the second position being arranged so that water runoff may be directed along the top and against the flexible protrusion.

42. (New) The fabric covering of claim 41, wherein the fabric covering comprises a rain fly for a tent.

43. (New) The fabric covering of claim 41, wherein the fabric covering comprises a canopy for a shelter.

44. (New) The fabric covering of claim 41, wherein the elongate protrusion comprises a flexible bead connected to the top.

45. (New) The fabric covering of claim 44, wherein the flexible bead is attached to the top by a flexible strip of material.

46. (New) The fabric covering of claim 45, wherein the flexible strip is connected to the top at a top end, forms a loop, and is connected back to the top end at an overlap section, and wherein the flexible bead is positioned in the loop.

47. (New) The fabric covering of claim 46, wherein the support structure comprises the top end and the overlap section.

48. (New) The fabric covering of claim 47, wherein the flexible strip and the flexible bead are arranged so that the loop and the flexible bead are rotatable upward relative to the attachment of the flexible strip to the top.

49. (New) The fabric covering of claim 48, wherein, when the flexible bead is rotated upward relative to the attachment of the flexible strip, a back portion of the loop forms a wall that extends upward from the top.

50. (New) The fabric covering of claim 49, wherein the wall extends at approximately a right angle to the top.

51. (New) The fabric covering of claim 41, further comprising a fabric downspout arranged to receive water flowing along the flexible protrusion at a first end of the fabric downspout and to direct the water to a second end of the downspout.

52. (New) The fabric covering of claim 51, wherein the fabric downspout comprises a tube of fabric.

53. (New) The fabric covering of claim 51, wherein the fabric downspout comprises a ring at the first end for holding the first end open to receive the water.

54. (New) The fabric covering of claim 51, wherein the fabric downspout is removably attached to the fabric covering.

55. (New) The fabric covering of claim 41, wherein the flexible protrusion extends along an edge of the fabric covering.

56. (New) The fabric covering of claim 55, wherein the flexible protrusion extends along an entire edge of the covering.

57. (New) A shelter comprising the fabric covering of claim 41 as a canopy.

58. (New) A tent, comprising:

a rain fly comprising:

a top;

a flexible protrusion that is rotatably connected to the top between a first position where the flexible protrusion is spaced a first distance from the top and a second position where the flexible protrusion is spaced a second distance from the top, the second distance being greater than the first distance; and

a support structure for preventing rotation of the flexible protrusion in a direction away from the first position to beyond the second position, the second position being arranged so that water runoff may be directed along the top and against the flexible protrusion.

59. (New) The tent of claim 58, wherein the elongate protrusion comprises a flexible bead connected to the top.

60. (New) The tent of claim 59, wherein the flexible bead is attached to the top by a flexible strip of material.

61. (New) The tent of claim 60, wherein the flexible strip is connected to the top at a top end, forms a loop, and is connected back to the top end at an overlap section, and wherein the flexible bead is positioned in the loop.

62. (New) The tent of claim 61, wherein the support structure comprises the top end and the overlap section.

63. (New) The tent of claim 62, wherein the flexible strip and the flexible bead are arranged so that the loop and the flexible bead are rotatable upward relative to the attachment of the flexible strip to the top.

64. (New) The tent of claim 63, wherein, when the flexible bead is rotated upward relative to the attachment of the flexible strip, a back portion of the loop forms a wall that extends upward from the top.

65. (New) The tent of claim 64, wherein the wall extends at approximately a right angle to the top.

66. (New) The tent of claim 58, further comprising a fabric downspout arranged to receive water flowing along the flexible protrusion at a first end of the fabric downspout and to direct the water to a second end of the downspout.

67. (New) The tent of claim 66, wherein the fabric downspout comprises a tube of fabric.

68. (New) The tent of claim 66, wherein the fabric downspout comprises a ring at the first end for holding the first end open to receive the water.

69. (New) The tent of claim 66, wherein the fabric downspout is removably attached to the tent.

70. (New) The tent of claim 66, wherein the flexible protrusion extends along an edge of the tent.

71. (New) The tent of claim 70, wherein the flexible protrusion extends along an entire edge of the covering.

72. (New) A fabric covering, comprising:
a flexible gutter arranged to direct water along the fabric covering; and
a fabric downspout arranged to receive water flowing along the gutter at a first end of the fabric downspout and to direct the water to a second end of the downspout.

73. (New) The fabric covering of claim 72, wherein the fabric downspout comprises a tube of fabric.

74. (New) The fabric covering of claim 72, wherein the fabric downspout comprises a ring at the first end for holding the first end open to receive the water.

75. (New) The fabric covering of claim 72, wherein the fabric downspout is removably attached to the rain fly.

76. (New) A tent comprising the fabric covering of claim 72.

77. (New) A shelter comprising the fabric covering of claim 72 as a canopy.